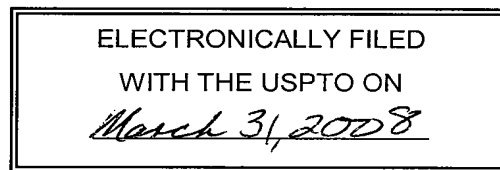


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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action electronically mailed January 29, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto and comments set forth below.